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ORGANIC LAW ON THE ORGANS OF THE
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL

The following is the text of the organic law on the organs of
the Government Administration Council, approved at the 9th Session
convened 2 December 1949.

See the appended glossary for the Chinese equivalents and
characters of the organizational terms used below.

1. This regulation governing the organic structure of the organs (in-
cluding commissions, ministries, committees, academy/court, administrations,
bank, offices, etc.) of the Government Administration Council is based on
Article 21 of the Organic Law of the Central People's Government.
2. The responsibilities and authorities of the organs of the Government
Administration Council are governed by Articles 15, 18, 19, and 20 of the
Organic Law of the Central People's Government.
3. Each organ may set up a staff office. Based on its assigned duties,
each organ may establish division(s) or department(s). Below an office, di-
vision, or department may be set up branch(es) and/or section(s). If the
function of an organ is of a semi-independent nature, bureau(s) shall be es-
tablished; if it is of a specific nature, office(s), group(s), station(s),
or committee(s) shall be set up. Examples of the latter are: Council Office,
Finance Office, Materials Office, Finance and Economics Group, Culture and
Education Group, Research Station, Higher Education Committee, etc.
4. The responsibilities and authorities of offices, divisions, depart-
ments, sections, bureaus, stations, staff offices, and committees must be
specified and set forth in writing.

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5. The heads of the various organs shall be known as follows:

Staff office and office	Director
Committee	Committee Chairman
Division	Chief
Bureau	Chief
Group	Chief
Station	Chief
Department	Chief
Section	Chief

When necessary, deputy head(s) may be designated.

6. Each commission is authorized to have a secretary-general and deputy secretary(ies)-general; all other organs shall have secretary(ies). Based on the needs of their functions, all organs may have or may set up advisor(s), councillor(s), special committee(s), engineer(s), technician(s), observer(s), etc.

7. With the exception of the secretary-general and deputy secretary(ies)-general of a commission and other personnel holding positions of equivalent rank), whose appointments and dismissals are made by the Central People's Government Council, the appointments and removals of the head and deputy head(s) of a staff office, division, bureau, department, and office (and other personnel holding positions of equivalent rank) shall be made by the Government Administration Council. The appointments and dismissals of the head and deputy head(s) as well as activity personnel of a branch, suboffice, and section shall be made by the head of the organ (staff office, division, bureau, department or office) under which such branch, suboffice or section comes, subject to the approval of the Government Administration Council.

8. All organs must enforce the conference system, e.g., commission affairs conference, ministry affairs conference, committee affairs conference, etc. All subordinate agencies of an organ must also carry out their separate activity conferences.

9. When necessary, the internal structure of an organ may be enlarged, reduced, or merged by a decision adopted at a meeting of the Government Administration Council.

10. After approval of the Government Administration Council, the organic law adopted for the organs of the Government Administration Council may be put into practice for a period of time before submission to the Central People's Government Council for final approval.

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GLOSSARY

<u>Translation</u>	<u>Wades-Giles Transliteration</u>	<u>Chinese Characters</u>
Commission	wei	委
Ministry	pu	部
Committee	hui	會
Academy/court	yuan	院
Administration	shu	署
Bank	hang	行
Office	shih	室
Staff Office	pan-kung-t'ing	辦公室
Division	ssu	司
Department	ch'u	處
Bureau	chu	局
Group	tsu	組
Station	so	所
Director	chu-jen	主任
Committee chairman	chu-jen wei-yuan	主任委員
Chief	ch'ang	長
Secretary-general	pi-shu-ch'ang	秘書長
Deputy secretary-general	fu-pi-shu-ch'ang	副秘書長
Secretary	pi-shu	秘書
Suboffice	shih	室
Conference system	hui-i chih-tu	會議制度
Section or Subbranch	k'o	科

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